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In re Application of:)
Hideo AGO *et al.*)
Application No.: 09/608,713)
Filed: June 30, 2000) Group Art Unit: 1631
For: HCV POLYMERASE SUITABLE)
FOR CRYSTAL STRUCTURE)
ANALYSIS AND METHOD FOR)
USING THE ENZYME) Examiner: Cheyne D. Ly

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this Reply. This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is due March 24, 2003, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.